GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2464
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CRASH OF MIG AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether MiG-27 Aircraft recently crashed at Hashimara Airbase in West Bengal;

(b) the number of MiG-27 Aircraft crashed during the last two years and the number of pilots and co-pilots who lost their lives in the accidents;

(c) whether any high-powered Committee has been constituted to look into the accidents;

(d) if so, the findings of the Committee; and

(e) the average financial loss incurred due to crash of one MiG-27 aircraft?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Yes, Sir. A MiG-27 aircraft crashed at Hashimara airbase on 31st January, 2008.

(b) A total of two MiG-27 aircraft crashed during the last two financial years i.e. 2005-2006,2006-2007 and the current financial year i.e. 2007-2008 (till 10th March,2008). No pilot or co-pilot lost their life in these accidents.

(c) & (d): Each crash is investigated through a Court of Inquiry and remedial measures are undertaken accordingly.

(e) The average financial loss incurred due to crash of one MiG-27 aircraft is Rs.6,79,00,000/-.